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Dockets Management Branch (HFA) Food and Drug Administration 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Docket No. 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P-0197

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to provide my comments regarding the above referenced Dockets Numbers.

In order to reduce the bacterial contamination of eggs, I would like to urge that the FDA to prohibit the practice of force molting of chickens. This practice causes stress to chickens, weakening their immune systems which makes them more susceptible to disease. This in turn causes diseases in chickens which can cause sickness to humans after ingestion.

Hris my understanding that the FDA has the authority to ban farm practices which injure humane health. I urge you to grant the petition to ban forced molting without further delay.

Sincercly yours,

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CROSS FILE SHEET

File Number: 98N-1230/ **4188**

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